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FM AMEMBASSY BUJUMBURA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 4833

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SUBJECT: SIGNING OF AIS SPECIAL SELF-HELP COLD STORAGE PROJECT;  
AND PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF STUDENT AGRICULTURAL COOPERATIVE  
FACILITIES AT GIHANGA

REF A BUJUMBURA 222; B. STATE 124754

1. EMBASSY GREATLY APPRECIATES DEPARTMENTS EXCELLENT CONTINUING  
SUPPORT FOR COLD STORAGE PROJECT AGREEMENT WHICH AGRICULTURE  
MINISTER BIGAYIMPUNZI AND I SIGNED ON MAY 30, AND UNDER WHICH  
EMBASSY WILL BEGIN ORDERING EQUIPMENT NEXT WEEK. MINISTRY OF  
AGRICULTURE DIRGEN DR. BERAHINO AND EMBASSY'S POL/E ON OFFICER  
ALSO ATTENDED THE MODEST SIGNING CEREMONY WHICH TOOK PLACE IN  
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE'S MAIN CONFERENCE ROOM. DURING  
FORMALITIES, AMB MARK PRESENTED AGRICULTURE MINISTER  
WITH A DRAFT PRESS STATEMENT NOTING THE EVENT AND OUTLINING  
THE IMPORTANCE OF THE PROJECT, WHICH THE MINISTER VERY CORDIALLY  
AGREED TO PLACE IN THE BURUNDI GOVERNMENT'S NEWS DAILY.

2. CONCERNING PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF STUDENT AGRICULTURAL  
COOPERATIVE FACILITIES, EMBASSY RECOGNIZES DEPARTMENT MAY FEEL  
OVERRIDING NEED TO RE-ALLOCATE BURUNDI'S REMAINING \$5,500 IF  
IT HAS OTHER TOP PRIORITY PROJECTS. HOWEVER, IF THERE IS NOT  
OTHER URGENT NEED FOR THESE FUNDS, EMBASSY COULD EASILY AND  
RATIONALLY APPLY REMAINING \$5,500 TO PROJECT DESCRIBED REFTEL  
A. THIS PROJECT, ITSELF DIVISIBLE INTO 4 INTERRELATED PARTS,  
IS PART OF MUCH LARGER RURAL DEVELOPMENT COOPERATIVE SCHEME,  
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WHICH WE HAD THOUGHT COULD USE SAME FY 76 SELF-HELP FUNDING

IN ANY CASE. OUR INITIAL CONCERN IS WITH THAT PORTION DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN TEACHING CHILDREN BASIC AGRICULTURAL TECHNIQUES, WHILE TAKING CARE OF THEIR FUNDAMENTAL HEALTH AND SANITARY NEEDS. THE SCOPE OF ONE OR SEVERAL SECTIONS OF PROPOSED PROJECT CAN BE REDUCED WITHOUT AFFECTING GREATLY OUR OVERALL OBJECTIVE.

3. IN ANY EVENT, THIS PROJECT AND THOSE ASSOCIATED WITH IT REPRESENT A PRINCIPAL PART OF EMBASSY'S SELF HELP INTEREST. THE EMBASSY IS LOOKING FORWARD TO ITS FY 76 SELF HELP ALLOTMENTS SO IT CAN CONTINUE HELPING TO IMPLEMENT THIS AND A FEW OTHER WORTHWHILE PROJECTS ALREADY IN OUR FILES.  
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